

Camp Sheridan Va.

Jan. 10th 1865.

Dear Brother

I received your letter of the 4th inst. last evening. and was glad to hear from you. I receive the note you wrote me when you arrived home. just before we left camp Russell, but did not have any chance to write for about a week.

We had a pretty rough time of it - when we came here. it was awful cold and blustering we had to sleep two or three nights out in the snow. before we got our "Shanties" up. we have not built any fire places yet. for we expect

to move our camp again. about a mile
down across the Rail Road.

There is no troops here now but our
Division alone and the Cavalry.

Gen Sheridan is here yet. the story is
that he is to be married to a lady in
Winchester.

Why dont you write how your leg is
getting along. Does it get so as you can
get around on it yet. the boys are all
glad you have got your discharge, but hope that
you will not be crippled. the boys are all well
and sends their respects to you.

Bettler & Baldwin have gone home on
a fifteen day furlough. when they get back
I suppose there will be a chance for some
more of us to go. but dont suppose that
I will get a chance to go.

I wrote to mother the other day to
send me a box of things. I wish you
would get me a good pair of buckskin
gloves, and put in a pair that will
fit you will do for me. send a good

pair that are well lined, and get
a pound of good fine cut-Chewing tobacco
and a pound of smoking.

Bill Hardenburg spoke to me yesterday
about some money that he lent you at Mon-
roeville \$2.00. if ~~you~~ I will pay him when
we get paid which will be before long.
When you send that Box direct it to
Stephensons Station Va. via Harpers Ferry
there will be no trouble but what
it will come right along. For we are
right close to the R.R. a number
of the boys have got Express boxes since
we came here. Well I have not time
to write any more. write as often as
you can. and write the news. I wish
you would send me a copy of the
"Utica Morning Herald" once in a
while. Give my love to all

From your Brother
John S. Brand